uſeful than the peruſal of romances, if read as mere biography; if the character of the times, the political improvements, arts, &c. be not obſerved. In ſhort, if it be not conſidered as the hiſtory of man; and not of particular men, who filled a niche in the temple of fame, and dropped into the black rolling ſtream of time, that ſilently ſweeps all before it, into the ſhapeleſs void called—eternity.—For ſhape, can it be called, 'that 'ſhape hath none?'

Buſineſs of various kinds, they might likewiſe purſue, if they were educated in a more orderly manner, which might ſave many from common and legal proſtitution. Women would not then marry for a ſupport, as men accept of places under government, and neglect the implied duties; nor would an attempt to earn their own ſubſiſtence, a moſt laudable one! ſink them almoſt to the level of thoſe poor abandoned creatures who live by proſtitution. For are not milliners and mantua-makers reckoned the next claſs? The few employments open to women, ſo far from being liberal, are menial; and when a ſuperiour education enables them to take charge of the education of children as governeſſes,

neſſes, they are not treated like the tutors of ſons, though even clerical tutors are not always treated in a manner calculated to render them reſpectable in the eyes of their pupils, to ſay nothing of the private comfort of the individual. But as women educated like gentlewomen, are never deſigned for the humiliating ſituation which neceſſity ſometimes forces them to fill; theſe ſituations are conſidered in the light of a degradation; and they know little of the human heart, who need to be told, that nothing ſo painfully ſharpens the ſenſibility as ſuch a fall in life.

Some of theſe women might be reſtrained from marrying by a proper ſpirit or delicacy, and others may not have had it in their power to eſcape in this pitiful way from ſervitude; is not that government then very defective, and very unmindful of the happineſs of one half of its members, that does not provide for honeſt, independent women, by encouraging them to fill reſpectable ſtations? But in order to render their private virtue a public benefit, they muſt have a civil exiſtence in the ſtate, married or ſingle; elſe we ſhall continually ſee ſome worthy woman, whoſe